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Mr. Musgrave:

We are in receipt of your Public Records request from 12/16/2012 for "All documents relating to usage of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology by the Wakefield Police Department."

In 2009, the Wakefield Police Department purchased and put into use an Elsag MPH-900 Automated License Plate Reader system. The specifics of the use of the ALPR system falls within the rules and practices of the Wakefield Police Department and as such are exempt by statute. Generally, the ALPR system is used to enhance the patrol unit's ability to detect and enforce civil and criminal motor vehicle violations. Data from the system is stored locally on a laptop and is overwritten following the manufacturer's settings. Images from the system are not shared with other government agencies.

I am able to provide some basic information relative to your inquiries however, more specific data will take more time to research, compile and determine whether the information is either exempt from the Massachusetts Public Records Law, or redact the information that is. The fees set forth under the Massachusetts Public Records Law will not be waived. I expect this to take a minimum of four hours to do. The hourly rate for someone with the necessary knowledge or experience to do this is \$75.21. I anticipate there to be approximately 50 pages of documents at a rate of \$.50 per page. When we receive a certified cashier's check for the amount of \$325.84, we will begin work compiling the specific data you requested.

Sincerely,

Lt. Scott T. Reboulet